[English]

Utilisation of Ground Water

3507. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey on the utilisation of ground water resources by various States;

(b) if so, the State-wise and year-wise details thereof in Eighth Plan;

(c) whether there is a need to enhance the utilisation of ground water resources for the development of agriculture; and

(d) if so, the projection made by the Government in that regard for Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The Government have not conducted any survey on the utilisation of the ground water resources by various States for irrigation during the Eighth Plan. However, on the basis of information received from various States/Union Territories, the estimated utilisation of ground water resources by various States/Union Territories is given in the Statement attached

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A working group on Minor Irrigation set up by Planning Commission has recommended creation of an irrigation potential of 10.00 million hectare through ground water in the Ninth Plan.

Statement

S.No.	Name of States	Utilisation of Ground Water during VIII Plan (in 000' ha.)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	89
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-
3.	Assam	16
4.	Bihar	771
5.	Goa	1
6.	Gujarat	54
7.	Haryana	48
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	1
10.	Karnataka	75
11.	Kerala	35
12.	Madhya Pradesh	48
13.	Maharashtra	76
14.	Manipur	1
15.	Meghalaya	-
16.	Mizoram	-
17.	Nagaland	-
18.	Orissa	17
19.	Punjab	129
20.	Rajasthan	96
21.	Sikkim	-
22.	Tamil Nadu	70
23.	Tripura	6
24.	Uttar Pradesh	3983
25.	West Bengal	227
26.	Union Territories	2
	Total States and U.Ts.	5745

Death of Indians in Gulf Countries

3508. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Indians died in Gulf countries during the last one year;

(b) the average time taken in each country to bring back the dead body to India;

(c) the details of Government's assistance in this regard;

(d) whether Government propose to bring the dead bodies free of charge; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) The mumber of Indians who died in Gulf countries during the year 1996 is as follows :

Bahrain	123
Iraq	3
Kuwait	161
Oman	255
Qatar	88
Saudi Arabia	1461
U.A.E.	785
Yemen	1

(b) The average time taken to bring back the dead body to India varies from two weeks to four months depending on the nature of death. In the case of natural death, it takes at least two weeks and in the case of unnatural death, as police report is required, it takes more than two weeks. In the case of death where foul